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I am writing to you about an exciting opportunity for a potential leader in your organization. As you know, 2023 is Wayne County's Bicentennial year. While we are looking at our county's long history and what makes us unique and special, many people are also looking forward and focusing on what we can do to make Wayne County even better in the future.

One specific effort is the establishment of a program called "Mentoring Wayne's Emerging Leaders" (Mentoring WEL). We are seeking a nominee(s) from organizations and businesses, such as yours, throughout Wayne County to join the Bicentennial Class of 15 participants. The nominees should be people who exhibit leadership capabilities and are potential leaders in your organization or who may serve as a volunteer in the wider community. Nominations are due by June 14, 2023.

The program will run from September 2023 through June of 2024. A total of 6 educational sessions will be held on key Wayne County topics and then participants will be paired with a mentor to help develop their personal leadership skills. You may access a program flyer, program description, tentative program schedule, nomination form and employer agreement form by going to : waynepartnership.org Click on the menu bars in the upper right of your screen, choose "Programs and Collaborations" and then choose "Mentoring WEL."

A pilot program for Mentoring WEL was run in 2021-22 following a discussion at the Wayne County Coordinating Council about the future leadership of the County. The Coordinating Council and the Wayne County Partnership for Strengthening Families are the sponsors of the program. The pilot program was highly successful, with enthusiastic feedback from both the participants and their mentors. There are clear benefits to the participants, you, as an employer and to Wayne County as a whole.

Please review the materials and consider nominating an individual from your organization. You can be assured that the experience will be positive for anyone who is interested in learning more about our community and developing their personal and professional skills. In addition to nominating a participant (mentee) for the program, we are also seeking program mentors who can share their professional experiences and commit to 4-5 hours per month over the duration of the program working one-on-one with one of the mentees.

If you have any questions or would like further information, you can contact me directly as the Program Coordinator at 585-704-5655 or send an e-mail to: info@waynepartnership.org

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